

Abstract of the Disclosure

A device apparatus and method is detailed that allows for improved operation and configuration of the communication device with a boot PROM selecting and loading from a management device. The improved communication device apparatus and method allows for the communication device to utilize a device ID and the routines stored on the boot PROM to connect to a management device and select and download the most appropriate operating software and/or firmware for the communication device model and revision. The improved device apparatus and method also allows for the selection and download of a diagnostic program for improved evaluation and testing of the communication device.